All the four stations have been planned to be provided with STD facilities during the 7th Plan after automatisation of Nizamabad and Parbhani and commissioning of transmission media as mentioned above.

Waiting list for telephone connections

713. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting lists for getting telephone connections in Shakti Nagar, Delhi area under (i) General, (ii) special and (iii) S.S. categories separately, as on the 15th February, 1986;

(b) by when the persons registered under the Special and S.S. category upto 15th Feb. 1986 are proposed to be given telephone connections; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to release more telephone connections in the above area in the near future and if so,what are the number of such connections and by when they are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list for getting the telephone connections in Shakti Nagar area under Non-OYT categories as on 15-2-1986 are (i) General—22,322 (ii) Special—802 and (iii) S.S.—79.

(b) On commissioning of new electronic exchange of 10.000 lines scheduled for March, 1987 the connections would be provided thereafter.

(c) As mentioned in (b) above after commissioning of the new exchange, about 9,000 telephone connections would be released progressively in various categories as per the allotment rules.

Telephone exchanges in Bihar

714. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh plan has been formulated for modernisation of telephone exchanges in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Electronic Telephone Exchanges have been planned at the following places in Bihar:

Ranchi	(i)	3,000 Lines	(local)
	(ii)	1,000 lines	(Trunk Automatic Exchange)
Patna	—	10,000	lines
Gaya		3,000	lines (Commissioned)
Dumka	—	400	lines
Hajipur	—	400	lines
Madhupuri	—	400	lines
Nawada	—	400	lines
Purnea		600	lines

Daily wage telephone operators in the Delhi telephones

715. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of daily wage telephone operators in the Delhi Telephones;

(b) whether it is a fact that the temporary telephone operators recruited three years ago went on strike on 31st December, 1985;

(c) if so, for how many days they remained on strike and what were their demands;

(d) whether it is also a fact that during the period of their strike, some of the telephone services remained paralysed;

(e) the nature of demands of the striking telephone operators which have since been accepted by Government; and

(f) the measures taken to see that such strike does not take place in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) There are about 1,082 RTP T.Os. at present.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 15 days—

1. Revision of hourly wages
2. Regularisation of RTP Staff
3. Paid Lunch Break
4. Paid weekly off

(d) The services were only marginally affected.

(e) 1. The hourly wages have been upwardly raised from Rs. 2.75 per hr to Rs. 3.85 per hr.

2. They are entitled for paid weekly off.

3. They are entitled for paid 3 National Holidays.

4. In view of the enhanced rate, no separate payment will be made for Lunch Break.

(f) Their problems are constantly being reviewed and attended.

Autonomous telephone corporations

716. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish autonomous telephone corporations for the metropolitan cities; and

(b) if so, which are those metropolitan cities where the corporations will be established and by when these Corporations will come into being?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Government has decided to set up a Public Sector Corporation under the administrative control of the Telecommunications Board for the management of the telephone systems of Union Territory of Delhi and Bombay. This Corporation is expected to start functioning from the financial year 1986-87.

Karnal and Mangalore Refineries

717. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for setting up of refineries projects at Karnal and Mangalore have since been awarded;

(b) if so, the names of the firms to whom the contract have been given; and

(c) what are the terms and conditions of the contracts and the time by when both the refineries would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Over loading and under billing by Coal India Limited

718. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over years a large number of complaints have been made and cases of over